

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S)

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TITLE

REINFORCED CATHETER DEVICE,

CATHETER STOCK, AND

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR

MAKING SAME

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from a decision of the primary Examiner mailed **December 3, 2004** finally rejecting claims 1-22 and 24-28. This was an Office error as claims 1, 3-11, 24, 26-28, and 41-51 were pending. An After Final Amendment and Response to Examiner's Action is being filed herewith.

The items checked below are appropriate:

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This application is on behalf of other than a small entity.

2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

a small entity \$250.00

3. **EXTENSION OF TERM**

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time up to and including May 3, 2005 in which to file the 05/06/2005 MAHMEDI 00000057 10075053

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accompanying Notice of Appeal. The check in the amount of \$225.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith. Applicant requests any additional extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the extension of time fees or any deficiency in fees herewith to be charged to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.

4. TOTAL FEES DUE

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal Fee:

\$250.00

Extension of Time Fee:

\$225.00

5. **FEE PAYMENT**

Attached is a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the Notice of Appeal and a check in the amount of \$225.00 for the extension of time fee. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. <u>06-0308</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I certify that this Notice Of Appeal From The Primary Examiner To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, \boxtimes addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below. transmitted via facsimile under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on the date indicated below. deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Signature **Express Mail Label No.:** Date Barbara Brazier May 3, 2005